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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)  
CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation, ☐ divisional, application of pending prior Application No. 09/850,021, (Confirmation No. 1062), filed May 7, 2001, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/014,759, (Confirmation No. 4907), filed January 28, 1998.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the ☒ specification; ☒ claims; ☒ abstract; ☒ declaration; and ☒ power of attorney; for the above-identified patent application.

The enclosed declaration is:

- ☐ Newly executed (original or copy).
- ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).
- ☐ A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).
- ☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ The prior application, Application No. 09/850,021, filed May 7, 2001, is assigned of record to St. Jude Medical ATG, Inc. (recorded at Reel 012691, Frame 0368).

Also transmitted herewith are:

☒ Five (5) sheets of:

☒ Formal drawings.

☐ Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.

☒ A preliminary amendment to the above-identified patent application. Consideration of the preliminary amendment prior to examination of the patent application is respectfully requested.

☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_

☐ A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the recording fee.

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☐ An associate power of attorney.

☐ A certified copy of the priority document, \_\_\_\_\_ application, No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

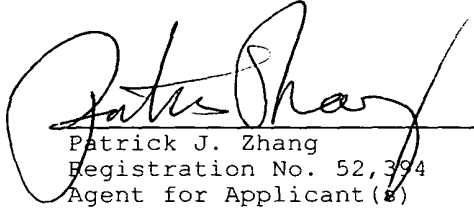
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